

My Dear Charles Your Affectionate Brother

Jn^o Askin J

M^r Cha^s Askin Merch^t Queenston

Addressed: M^r Charles Askin Merchant Queenston

Endorsed: S^t Josephs 8th Jan^y 1811 John Askin Jun^r

MISCONDUCT OF THOMAS MCKEE⁴⁵

Strabane Jan^y 10th 1811

My Dear Charles I'm sorry to hear that Cap^t Ruff passed without calling as I wanted very much to send under cover to you a Packett for M^r M^cGill which woul'd be too expensive to send by Post. as to any thing further I have to write you (in addition to my Letter of the 24^h Ulto by M^r Lee) it's of no consequence. the only thing now is Miss Maria Grant geting married to M^r Robertson⁴⁶ without the knowlege or consent of her Father so far as I know. I'm sorry to say his conduct in general seems to be much disaproved of.

I have got this Letter, as well as One for M^r M^cGill and an Other from Therese to you, all ready, for the first person who calls & is going your way—I need hard[l]y warn you to have no accounts with Cap^t M^cKee, who at the same time I believe an honest man, & I'm sure none can be more so than his wife, yet his conduct is such that it's impossible for him to keep his word, with all those to whom he owes: how shamefull it is for a man who receives £69 Odd clear Every Quarter, not to live well, & be clear of debt, but [he] does neither. Your Mother Thank God & all our Family are well. Give me a full answer to my last Letter. James's Horse is in great order & he will send him to you if he finds

O'Brien of the Royal Newfoundland Regiment. No record of his further career has been found, nor anything concerning Julia, the other child here noted. Neither of them is mentioned in Askin's will, made Dec. 10, 1819; this neglect would seem to imply that they had died before this time. See *post*, 781.

⁴⁵ From the original manuscript in the Dominion Archives in Ottawa.

⁴⁶ William Robison, husband of Maria Julia Grant, for whom see *ante*, 378. Robison came to Detroit from Albany, N. Y., where he (or possibly his father) was engaged in business under the firm name of Robison and Martin. The firm was also interested in trade in Detroit, its local representatives being Hugh R. Martin and Charles Curry. See *Proc. of Land Board of Detroit*, 196-97, and mss. in B. H. Coll., *passim*.